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SUBJECT: REPORT OF NATIONALISTIC DISTURBANCE IN
DUSHANBE

1. A U.S. INTER-ACADEMY EXCHANGE, DR. JAMIL HANIFI, PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, WHO WAS IN DUSHANBE FROM MAY 27 TO JUNE 4 HAS GIVEN EMBOFF A REPORT OF A LARGE-SCALE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TADZHIKS AND RUSSIANS IN DUSHANBE ON MAY 22. HANIFI, WHO WAS TOLD ABOUT THE EVENT BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE TADZHIKSTAN INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES, THE HISTORY INSTITUTE AND MEMBERS OF LANGUAGE FACULTIES, REPORTS THAT AS MANY AS 10,000 TADZHIKS WERE INVOLVED IN STREET CONFRONTATIONS AND FIGHTS WITH UP TO 3,000 RUSSIANS.

2. THE CONFRONTATION, WHICH TOOK PLACE PRIMARILY IN TWO PARKS, ERUPTED, ACCORDING TO HIS SOURCES, WHEN A RUSSIAN MAN BEAT UP A TADZHIK YOUTH IN THE CITY'S CENTRAL PARK. APPROXIMATELY SIXTY PERSONS
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WERE INJURED SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO REQUIRE HOSPITAL TREATMENT AND TROOPS WERE USED TO RESTORE ORDER. SEVERAL OF HANIFI'S SOURCES, HE SAYS, WERE THEMSELVES INVOLVED IN THE FRACAS AND WERE STILL WEARING BANDAGES OVER THEIR CUTS AND BRUISES. THEY INVEIGHED BITTERLY AGAINST THE RUSSIANS, CALLING THEM COLONIZERS OF THEIR (I.E., THE TADZHIKS') COUNTRY.

3. COMMENT: DR. HANIFI, WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN AFGHANISTAN AND IS THE SON OF FORMER AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO USSR CAN COMMUNICATE FLUENTLY WITH TADZHIKS IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, A FACTOR WHICH HE BELIEVES IS WHY THEY EXPRESSED THEIR HOSTILITY TOWARD THE RUSSIANS SO OPENLY TO HIM. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT HE WAS REPORTING ACCURATELY WHAT HE WAS TOLD, ALTHOUGH IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HIS SOURCES OVER-ESTIMATED THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CONFRONTATION AND PASSED ON RUMORS ABOUT THE DETAILS AS FACTS. IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES DURING FUTURE TRIPS TO DUSHANBE BY EMBOFFS, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. TOON

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